GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF UNAIDS TEAM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level UNAIDS team recently visited India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the details of the issues discussed with the visiting team ; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. A high level UN Team headed by Director, South East Asia Pacific Regional Support Team of UNAIDS visited India from 17th-20th July,2005. The objective of the visit was to meet the Planning Team of NACP Phase -III for support to the planning process and to attend consultation meeting with experts on AIDS mortality estimates.

The team held discussions with the Planning Team of NACP Phase -III on the progress in planning of NACP - III. UNAIDS has assured all possible technical and managerial support to the planning process of NACP Phase - III.

The team attended a one-day meeting of experts to work out the methodology for arriving at estimates of AIDS mortality. Leading experts from the Indian Council of Medical Research and other academic institutions participated in this meeting. As follow up of the meeting, it was decided that a mortality estimation group will be constituted at the national level to work out further modalities on AIDS mortality projections in the country.